

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 27-41 are pending in the application. Claims 32-35 have been amended and new claims 36-41 are added and depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1 or 27, which have been allowed. Therefore, Applicant submits that these newly added claims 36-41 are also allowable because of their dependency from an allowable independent claim and also for the subject matter recited by each dependent claim.

By this amendment, the sole rejected claims 8-21 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, in favor of Applicant's right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter thereof. Hence, the rejection of claims 8-21, which Applicant continues to vigorously traverse, is now rendered moot. In view of the amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending rejections and prompt passage of the application to issue.

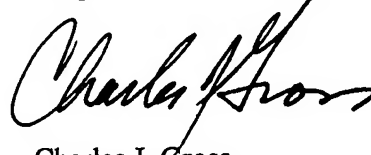
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in clear condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to promptly pass the application to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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